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Collection Number:
    BA MSS 101
    BL-13.2009

Title:
    Tony Lucadello Collection

Inclusive Dates:
    1953 – 1990

Extent:
    3.5 linear feet (3 archival boxes and 1 oversized box)

Repository:
    National Baseball Hall of Fame Library
    National Baseball Hall of Fame
    25 Main Street
    Cooperstown, NY 13326

Abstract:
    This is a collection of articles, scouting reports, photographs and correspondence
    from the personal collection of Tony Lucadello (1912-1989), an Ohio-based scout
    who worked for the Chicago Cubs and Philadelphia Phillies.

Acquisition Information:
    This collection of papers was donated in 2009 by Toni Lucadello, Lucadello’s
dughter.

Preferred Citation:
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    Library, Cooperstown, NY

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History:
    Tony Lucadello (July 30, 1912 - May 8, 1989) was a professional Major League
    Baseball Scout for the Chicago Cubs (1943-1957) and Philadelphia Phillies
    (1957 -1989). He signed more than 50 Major leaguers during his career, including
    Hall of Famers Mike Schmidt and Ferguson Jenkins, plus All-Stars Alex Johnson,
    Mike Marshall and Toby Harrah.
He was also known for his pioneering scouting techniques and was involved in nationwide efforts to improve youth baseball instruction. A 1987 video, called “A Coaching Clinic”, produced by Major League Baseball, showcased many of Lucadello’s techniques – including “The Wall,” in which Lucadello advocated that aspiring ballplayers throw at least 100 balls a day against a concrete wall to improve their throwing and fielding techniques.

Sources: Winegardner, Mark. *Prophet of the Sandlots: Journeys with a Major League Scout.*

Lucadello collection papers.

**Scope and Content**

This collection contains papers related to longtime baseball scout Tony Lucadello. This collection is organized into one series by subject matter and chronologically. Contents include papers related to his youth baseball instruction techniques, the planning related to the video, as well as manuscripts of the related book Lucadello co-authored called “The Lucadello Plan.”

The collection includes Lucadello’s personal papers, individual scouting reports from the late 70s and late 80s, authored by him or submitted to him by other scouts. Future major leaguers in these reports include Jim Abbott, Steve Avery and John Smoltz. There is material related to the 1987 draft, including a signability report on Ken Griffey Jr. Also included are team reports, which do not have details on individual players, mostly single-word descriptions such as “Follow” and “Prospect.”

There are articles about Lucadello, his teaching techniques, reviews of books written about him and honors and awards he received during his lifetime.

The oversized box includes ledgers listing prospects Lucadello was following, road maps, passes, an appointment book and an address book.

**Separation**

80 color and black and white photos of Lucadello, players, executives and coaches separated to the photo archives.

**Further Information**


“A Coaching Clinic” (1987, Major League Baseball, VHS) BL-10815.95
Controlled Access Terms

These records are indexed under the following terms in the National Baseball Hall of Fame’s Library catalog. Researchers wishing to find related materials may wish to search under these terms.

Corporate Names

Major League Baseball
National League
Chicago Cubs
Philadelphia Phillies
The Lucadello Plan
Ohio Baseball Hall of Fame
Hancock Sports Hall of Fame

Personal Names

Lucadello, Anthony, 1912 - 1989
Harrah, Toby, 1948-
Schmidt, Mike, 1949-
Jenkins, Ferguson, 1943-
Griffey Jr., Ken, 1969-

Subject Headings

Baseball scouts
Scouts and scouting
Scouting reports
Statistics
Baseball, training
Photographs
Clippings
Correspondence

Content List

Box 1

Folder 1  “Youth Baseball Program” by Tony Lucadello
Folder 2  “The Lucadello Plan” manuscript
Folder 3  “The Coaching Clinic” 1987, instructional video
- Planning documents related to the filming
Folder 4  “The Lucadello Plan”, promotional material
Folder 5  “The Wall”
- includes diagrams
Folder 6  “The Lucadello Plan” manuscript, first 6 chapters
Folder 7  “The Lucadello Plan” manuscript, first 5 chapters
Folder 8  Correspondence - general 1981-1988
Folder 9  Correspondence – undated
Folder 10  Newspaper articles - “The Lucadello Plan” and “The Wall”
Folder 11  Awards and Honors 1986 -1988
- Hancock Sports Hall of Fame
- Ohio Baseball Hall of Fame
- Scout of the Year
Folder 12  Newspaper articles - awards, honors received
Folder 13  Newspaper articles about Tony Lucadello
Folder 14  Articles, reviews about Lucadello biographies
Folder 16  Philadelphia Phillies Organizational Book, 1982

Box 2
Folder 1  Summer College Scouting Reports, 1978-1979
Folder 2  Prospect Follow Reports, 1986-1987
Folder 3  Signability Questionnaires, 1987
Folder 4  Free Agent Reports, 1987
Folder 5  Player Update Reports, 1987
Folder 7  Selection Lists, 1986-1988
-Selection List
-Final Draft list with scouting notes
Folder 8  Contracts of Players Signed by Lucadello
Folder 9  List of Major League Players Signed by Lucadello (Handwritten, may be incomplete)

Folder 10  Press release announcing Mike Schmidt 500th home run tribute

Folder 11  Player Scouting Reports, 1975

Folder 12  Player Scouting Reports 1976

Folder 13  Player Scouting Reports 1977

Folder 14  Player Scouting Reports 1984

Folder 15  Player Scouting Reports 1985

Folder 16  Player Scouting Reports 1986

Folder 17  Player Scouting Reports 1987

Folder 18  Player Scouting Reports 1988 *(Steve Avery, Jim Abbott)*

Folder 19  Player Scouting Reports 1989 *(Steve Avery)*

Folder 20  Player Scouting Reports Undated [1970s]

Folder 21  Player Scouting Reports Undated [1980s]

Box 3

Folder 1  Team Game Reports 1970, 1988-1989 Ohio

Folder 2  Team Game Reports 1988-1989 Ohio

Folder 3  Team Game Reports 1988-1989 Ohio

Folder 4  Team Game Reports 1988-1989 Indiana

Folder 5  Team Game Reports 1988-1989 Michigan

Folder 6  Team Game Reports 1988-1989 Miscellaneous States

Box 4, Oversized

Day-by-Day Appointment Book, 1981
Philadelphia Phillies Telephone/Address Book
American Legion 1980 Season Pass
Scout Identification Card 1986
Green cardboard tent-style name card “Lucadello”
Ohio High School Atlas
Undated Rand McNally Atlas (Missing Cover)
1990 Rand McNally Atlas
Prospect Ledger 1983, 1984, undated

“Best Prospects” Ledger 1953 - 1959 Ohio, Illinois, Michigan, NY

Prospects – Ledger 1950s - 1960s
  - High School, college level
  - Ontario, Canada

Prospects – Ledger Mid-Late 1960s
  - Ohio Michigan, Indiana
  - Ontario, Canada